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News and Notes from the
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JANUARY TOP 20 TITHES Received by February 15 (In Amount Given)

MCC Dallas, Dallas, TX.	\$2222.84
MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, TX.	1766.33
MCC in the Valley, No. Hollywood, CA.	1112.20
MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA.	896.72
MCC San Francisco, San Francisco, CA.	879.88
MCC Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.	723.59
MCC of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.	678.08
MCC of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City, MO.	658.77
MCC San Antonio, San Antonio, TX.	621.97
MCC New York, New York City, NY.	589.47
Golden Gate MCC, San Francisco, CA.	540.83
MCC Washington, Washington, DC.	514.21
Agape MCC of Ft. Worth, Ft. Worth, TX.	508.31
MCC Seattle, Seattle, WA.	504.32
Christ Chapel MCC, Santa Ana, CA.	474.25
Casa De Cristo MCC, Phoenix, AZ.	473.51
MCC San Jose, San Jose, CA.	372.69
All God's Children MCC, Minneapolis, MN.	342.10
MCC Austin, Austin, TX.	314.57
MCC Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH.	306.83

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Good News MCC, Lakeland, FL.	\$20.67
MCC of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.	17.89
MCC Dallas, Dallas, TX.	15.58
MCC of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City, MO.	15.36
MCC of Northern Virginia, Oakton, VA.	15.24
Calvary MCC, Redwood City, CA.	14.79
MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA.	14.58
Sojourner's MCC, Ferndale, MI.	14.52
MCC San Francisco, San Francisco, CA.	13.90
River Cities MCC, Shreveport, LA.	13.70
MCC of Acadiana, Lafayette, LA.	13.68
Agape MCC of Ft. Worth, Ft. Worth, TX.	13.45
Christ MCC, Miami, FL.	13.37
MCC Louisville, Louisville, KY.	13.12
MCC Van Nuys, Van Nuys, CA.	12.65
MCC San Antonio, San Antonio, TX.	12.59
MCC in the Valley, No. Hollywood, CA.	11.97
Christ Chapel MCC, Santa Ana, CA.	11.95
MCC Illiano, Quincy, IL.	11.91
De Colores MCC, Los Angeles, CA.	11.81

NEW ADDRESS FOR SAMARITAN EXTENDED STUDIES.

The new address of Samaritan Extended Studies is Box 820, West Hartford, CT 06107, U.S.A. This is also the address of the Rev. Jeffrey Pulling; the monthly bulletin *Salt of the Earth Resources*; and Clergy Conference. Samaritan Extended Studies is the division of Samaritan Educational Ministries that handles correspondence courses, adult education materials and ministry resources.

MEETINGS! MEETINGS!

The Commission on Government Structures & Systems, the Commission on Faith, Fellowship and Order, the Hymnody Committee, the Commission on the Laity and the Board of Elders will all be holding their meetings the week and weekend prior to the Clergy Conference in Kansas City, MO. The dates for Clergy Conference are March 19-22, 1984.

REV. PERRY REPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA that MCC Melbourne celebrated a record attendance during his visit of 247 people! MCC Melbourne is looking for a pastor — all applicants may write to: Pulpit Committee, MCC Melbourne. They are offering a pastoral package of \$18,500 plus benefits.

REV. KRIS DODDS has had her license re-instated by the Fellowship's Credentials Committee during their January Executive Committee Meeting in Boise, Idaho. Kris may be contacted c/o MCC San Diego, CA.

THE BOARD OF PENSIONS of the UFMCC held its first meeting on February 25th. Among other business which is reported in the enclosed issue of "Insights" was the election of the following officers: Rev. Arthur Green, President; Mr. Paul Sheldon, Vice-President; Rev. Charlie Arehart, Secretary; Mr. John Willy, Treasurer. The Rev. Nancy Radclyffe, administrator for the pension program, was appointed as Recording Secretary. Elder Michael Mank attended the meeting as an ex-officio member on behalf of the Board of Elders. One more lay person is yet to be appointed by the Board of Elders to the Board of Pensions.

UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP TODAY. This newly revised copy is off the press and available from the Fellowship Offices. Its new format includes 2 color printing, new copy and quality paper. We regret that all of this adds up to a new pricing schedule:

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*** PRAISES!!! ***

** The Elders and members of the TV review team met with producer Mary Anne McEwen to view the rough copy of "God, Gays and the Gospel: This Is Our Story." There was a consensus on editorial and emphasis changes and the film is ready for final editing. *Everyone* was very impressed with the potential impact of this film. Stay tuned! Hallelujah!

** MCC Anchorage, Alaska reports that they are alive and well, and would be even *happier* with some applications for their pulpit. They are a warm, fuzzy group in a not-so-warm climate. Actually, Anchorage's temperatures have been warmer than the mid-western U.S. all year! Another stereotype bites the dust . . .

** Rev. Mike Piazza, District Coordinator of the South Atlantic District reports that Johnson City, Tennessee. MCC is flourishing and is a delightful church to visit! Also, he gives thanks for the new pastor of MCC Savannah, Rev. Rodger Harrison, and the new Worship Coordinator of Greensboro, South Carolina, Christine Oscar (formerly from Detroit).

** MCC Toronto reports that they are getting ready to make a bid on their own building in central Toronto. Attendance and offerings are at an all time high, as is church energy and enthusiasm!

** MCC Dallas has initiated some 21st Century thinking with their *Task Force 2000*. They will develop long-range goals and plans for what MCC Dallas will want to achieve by the year 2000 A.D.!

** Rev. Jim Dykes reports that they had a good District Conference in Northern Australia and were very anxious for Troy's visit. All the churches in Australia and New Zealand will meet together while Troy is there — to talk about G.S.S., the Fellowship and the future of MCC in that part of the world.

** MCC Williamsport and MCC Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, report their highest attendance and offerings in their histories!

** MCC Washington, DC recently got a \$5,000 government grant for the Dinner Program for Homeless Women and Miriam's Kitchen breakfast program. Congratulations, MCC DC!

** Trinity MCC in New York City has called Rev's. Phillip Eberle and Richard Matera as worship coordinators — Congratulations!

** The South Central District reports two new study groups, MCC Baton Rouge, LA and MCC of the Brazos Valley, College Station, TX. They also have pastoral vacancies in El Paso, Oklahoma City, San Angelo, TX and Texarkana, TX, and are just *sure* that someone reading this will apply for one of these pulpits!

** Rev. Bob Cunningham is the new worship coordinator of MCC Galveston, Texas!

** Rev. Bonnie Daniel reports that Rev. Phillip Boetler is trying to set a record for starting new works. In addition to St. Cloud, he has started outreaches into Fargo, ND and Duluth, MN!

** Rev. Elder Jean White reports that Rev. Bob Arthur's installation in Birmingham, England went very well — in fact, they had the largest attendance they've ever had at an all-United Kingdom function. Bob loves Birmingham, we are told, and they love him!

** Jean also reports that there is great excitement in Denmark because two major cities, Arhus and Barnholm are interested in having people come from UFMCC to speak to them. In Arhus, 6 people have gathered to begin worshipping.

** Translations are moving ahead! In addition to materials in Spanish and German, we now have materials translated and printed into French and translated (getting ready to be printed) in Dutch. The Danish groups are also working on translations!

** Jean has one more praise, and that is for a Church Extension Office outside her home, at 56 Knight's Hill, West Norwood, England, SE27 (as of March 1, 1984).

** Hong Tan, Worship Coordinator of MCC North London writes that the North London Church is a great source of joy to him and is growing in spirit, love and numbers. They've started a Dance/Drama group and have many special plans for Lent and Easter.

** Sister Marlene Halpin (remember her, those of you who were at the Clergy Conference, GSS meeting in Ft. Lauderdale last year? She is the author of *Imagine That!*) reports that she is well and has been in New Zealand for 5 weeks giving workshops in many cities. She sends her love to all of MCC — especially those she remembers from our Conference.

** Dr. Don Shriver, President of Union Theological Seminary in New York, upon reading a recent issue of *Journey* magazine reports that he is much "impressed with the global ministry of MCC!" We were impressed that he took time to write us.

** River of Life MCC in Tri-Cities, Washington, reports high attendance and a multitude of blessings! They have 24 hour access to the building they meet in. The church was restarted in the Tri-Cities area in July '83 and they are presently getting ready to apply for Mission status!

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SAMARITAN NEWS. A new cooperative program has been developed between Samaritan College and the Union for Experimenting Colleges and Universities which is a "university without walls." This university provides access to all U.S. government financial aid programs and will allow all MCC people to pursue a Bachelors degree anywhere in the world. MCC people with Masters and/or PhD degrees can serve as their tutors. Look for details in the mailing coming out to all the churches or contact Rev. Sherre Boothman at Samaritan College.

Samaritan Sunday is any Sunday in May. Free worship resources are available from Samaritan College on request. Other materials from Samaritan Sunday will arrive in the churches the first part of April.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!